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Respectfully,

KEARSING, Assayer.

## BY OVERLAND TELEGRAPH.

[SPECIAL TO THE DAILY UNION VEDETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.

Imports of general merchandise both from foreign and domestic ports continue to pour in upon us at a fearful rate of increase, filling our bonded and other warehouses to repletion, rendering our markets for the most part dull, and reducing prices far below the cost of importation.

Our enthusiastic Sanitary Fund meeting was held at Sacramento yesterday, realizing large sums.

Chambers of Commerce have forwarded remonstrances against the mining tax bill.

Arrived—Ship Ville de Toulouse, Bordeaux; Fleetwing from Rio; Viente, Callao; Dublin from Shanghai. Sailed—ships E. Bulkley, for Port Angeles; Brewster, for Boston.

Acapulco advices to the 12th, say the French occupy but a narrow line from San Blas to Vera Cruz and Tampico. It is surmised the French Admiral does not venture to occupy any other Pacific port because he would be unable to keep up communication with the interior.

The steamer Golden City has been libeled for landing goods without permit.

Some few arrivals of general merchandise; markets flat; grain easier.

## BY PACIFIC TELEGRAPH.

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New York, May 23d.

A Washington telegram says: The rebel army has been retreating since the attack on our right on the 18th. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, our forces occupied Guinness's station and Bowling Green.

New York, May 24th.

Dispatches to the Philadelphia Enquirer state that early Saturday morning our army silently advanced, capturing the rebel pickets and pushed on and cut off a portion of the left of the rear column of the main rebel army at Nye river, capturing 400 prisoners.

CHICAGO, May 24th.

The Republican State Convention of Massachusetts, met at Boston on the 19th and appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention. Resolutions were passed recommending the nomination of Lincoln.

New York, May 24th.

The Senate passed the Pacific Railroad bill yesterday, by 23 to 5, it now goes to the House.

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Special to the Times, Guinness' Station 24th, says the army of the Potomac is again on the march towards Richmond. During the night Hancock's corps, which held the left of our lines in front of Spottsylvania, took up the march, moving on a road parallel with the Nye river:—early this morning they reached Guinness' station on the Fredericksburg and Richmond Railroad; thence pushed onward following the railroad, and to-night finds the head of Hancock's column at Bowling Green, eighteen miles south of Fredericksburg; other corps have been to-day following the same general line and are now passing this point. It will be observed from this, that the commanding General has effected the turning movement on the right to flank Lee, who is now hastily falling back to take up a new defensive position. We expect his next stand will be on the South Anna, although he may endeavor to hit us while moving by flank as he did when out-flanked in his lines on the Rapidan. Heavy firing is now heard across the Nye where one of our columns is moving. One mile south by west of Guinness' is the point of confluence of the Nye and Po rivers, and at this point the stream is crossed by a bridge which is in our possession. Our army is now all gone from the front and held before Spottsylvania for the past two weeks. Our present front while it puts us in a very advantageous position with regard to the enemy, at the same time covers our communications via Fredericksburg. The Aquia Creek Railroad between those two points will soon be completed, and will doubtless be placed in running order south of Fredericksburg as we advance.

New York, May 24th.

The Herald's correspondent with Butler, 22d, gives an account of a midnight assault by the rebels the night previous. The pickets received their fire and gradually fell back, when the artillery opened upon the advancing

rebels with volleys of grape and canister. The rebels' gun and light batteries were brought to bear and the rebels were mowed down like grass, but still they advanced and were given another slaughtering discharge, when they halted. A rebel caisson exploded scattering death in all directions. The gunboats on the Appomattox joined in, shelling the woods where rebel reserves were stationed, until finally the rebels finding our forces so well prepared, withdrew leaving 263 dead on the field. Our defences, constructed by some of our best engineers, are considered almost impregnable.

New York, May 24th.

It is reported that the gunboats of the Potomac flotilla, have removed all the obstructions in the Rappahannock. Nothing additional from Grant's army.

The Times special says: In a case just tried before the District Supreme Court, Judge Wylie decides that gold speculations are contrary to public policy, and that the plaintiff can neither recover profits made in former operations (in hands of defendants) on money deposited with them as margin or collateral, under contracts for the purchase of gold.

A special to the Post says: The attempt which will be made in the Senate to strike out the \$300 exemption in the Enrollment Act, will probably fail in the House.

There is some prospect that the proposition of Senator Wilson to draft men for a single year, will be adopted.

The trial of Andrews, a leader in the July riots, commenced this morning.

The Washington Republican of last evening, says: Our army at Sunday noon, was 15 miles beyond Spottsylvania Court House, and everything progressing satisfactorily.

The Richmond Enquirer admits of heavy losses in the battles with Butler last week, and foots them up at 1,500.

But little has been received in regard to Grant's last movement, Secretary Stanton having requested the papers not to publish anything on the subject at present.

WASHINGTON, May 24th.

The House Committee on Elections, reported in favor of giving a seat for Dacotah to Todd.

The National Banking Bill as it came from the Senate, was taken up and an amendment was adopted limiting the amount of notes for circulation to three hundred million. The Senate amendment taxing the circulation of deposits and capital stock beyond the amount invested in United States bonds, was not concurred in.

PORT MONROE, May 24th.

The steamer Powell (Gen. Butler's dispatch boat) arrived and reports everything quiet now. No hostilities since Saturday night. From all accounts it appears the rebels suffered severe punishment in their attempt at a night surprise. They buried their dead under a flag of truce. Thirty-four hundred wounded have been brought down the James river since the army first landed.



HEAD-QUARTERS,  
Army of the Potomac,  
May 22d.

The advance of the army under Hancock, arrived at Milford yesterday and met a force of the enemy, said to be 13,000 strong, drove them through town pursuing them some distance. Our loss is unknown. An attack was made on our head-quarters train near Guinness Station yesterday afternoon. The rebels were repulsed and some prisoners taken.

HEAD-QUARTERS, Army of the Potomac, May 22d, 10 p. m.

Hancock is seven miles south of Bowling Green and occupies the bridge over the Mattaponi. Our cavalry had a good deal of fighting, but drove the enemy all the time. Our position is now deemed important and Richmond in greater danger than ever.

WAR DEPARTMENT, midnight,  
Washington, May 24.

A dispatch from Grant dated 11 o'clock, Monday night, states that the army moved from its position to the North Anna, following Lee's army closely. The 5th and 6th corps marched by way of Harris store to Jenicks ford, and the 5th corps effected a crossing and getting a position without much opposition. Shortly, however, they were violently attacked, and handsomely repulsed the assault without much loss to us; we captured some prisoners. Everything looks exceedingly favorable.

Another dispatch (giving the details of the movements of our corps and speaking of the rebel assault on Warren's position,) says he (Warren) was attacked with great vehemence—I have never heard more rapid firing either of an artillery or musketry attack; it resulted in a destructive repulse to the enemy. The rebels were entrenched and in considerable force between the creek he had crossed and the river; they made a pertinacious resistance to his onset, but before dark he had forced them from their works and driven them across the stream. It is also said that in these engagements the slaughter of the enemy was great, while our losses are inconsiderable. The rebels charged against our artillery and suffered greatly, especially from canister.

A dispatch from Grant, received at 3 o'clock this morning, states that the enemy had fallen back from the North Anna, and we are in pursuit. Negroes who come in say Lee is falling back on Richmond.

Other official dispatches from headquarters, say Warren, Burnside and Hancock are pushing forward after the retreating army. Warren has captured a good number of prisoners, but has not had time to count them, or ascertain his own loss. Hancock, in storming the rifle pits this side of the river, last evening, took between one and two hundred prisoners and drove many rebels into the river, where many were drowned. Warren also captured some official papers, among which was an official order calling out boys of fifteen years of age to Garrison Richmond. Ambulance men and musicians are also ordered to the ranks.

Sheridan is this morning at Dunkirk, and will be at Milford to-night. No dispatches received to-day from Sherman, and none are expected for several days.

Dispatches from Butler were received to-day, relating briefly the respective forces. Admiral Lee, in a telegram, dated the 22d, to the Secretary of the Navy, states that last night and Saturday night the enemy attacked our army and were handsomely repulsed.

A dispatch from Canby, dated the 18th, from the mouth of Red River, states that Banks says the troops reached Morgan to-day. The army is in better condition than expected, and will be ready soon to resume offensive operations. Signed: STANTON.

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NOTICE.

A meeting of the miners of the West Mountain Mining District, Utah Territory, will be held at the Government Reserve, Rush Valley, on Saturday, June 11th, 1864, for the purpose of dividing the District. By request of a majority of the miners. JAMES S. WARREN, Deputy Recorder.

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MECHANICS WANTED!

At Camp Douglas, immediately, a few good House Carpenters, a Painter and Glazier, and a Mason and Plasterer. Enquire of the Post Quartermaster, at Camp Douglas. my25-1t

LOST.

A CAMEO BROASTPIN, on Saturday evening, in going from the 15th to the 16th Ward. The finder will please leave it with Mrs. PALMER, 14th Ward, on Main street. my24-3t

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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF JORDAN SILVER MINING COMPANY, Great Salt Lake City, U. T. May 17th, 1864.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the above Company, an assessment of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per share was levied, payable on or before the first day of June next. G. W. CARLETON, Secretary. my20-td

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TO STOCKHOLDERS IN THE JORDAN SILVER MINING COMPANY: All stock delinquent for assessments on the first day of June next, will be advertised for sale to the highest bidder, according to law. G. W. CARLETON, Secretary. my20-td

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We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Walker Bros., Agents for the Pacific Insurance Co. of San Francisco.

RUSH VALLEY.—We publish for the information of the shareholders in this City, at Camp and elsewhere, the following note from H. W. Kearsing, assayer, to one of the discoverers of the Rush Valley Silver Leads. It seems very encouraging:

Sir:—To-day I put together all the ores from the Quandary, Eureka and Potomac, and extracted the lead from them—making an average of the whole, for the purpose of giving the miners of Rush Valley such average. The lead that comes from the first flow, assays \$260 in pure silver per ton; the lead taken from the slags remaining, assays \$346 68.2-3 cents per ton—which would be worth in New York City, \$500 per ton of lead thus extracted, with the silver in it. I now require one or two tons of choice ore from each good lode that is productive of lead, so that I may experiment with a furnace here and to determine on a cheap scale of building one in Rush Valley, for, as far as silver is concerned, I consider Rush Valley well developed.

Respectfully,

KEARSING, Assayer.

## BY OVERLAND TELEGRAPH.

[SPECIAL TO THE DAILY UNION VEDETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.

Imports of general merchandise both from foreign and domestic ports continue to pour in upon us at a fearful rate of increase, filling our bonded and other warehouses to repletion, rendering our markets for the most part dull, and reducing prices far below the cost of importation.

Our enthusiastic Sanitary Fund meeting was held at Sacramento yesterday, realizing large sums.

Chambers of Commerce have forwarded remonstrances against the mining tax bill.

Arrived—Ship Ville de Toulouse, Bordeaux; Fleetwing from Rio; Viente, Callao; Dublin from Shanghai. Sailed—ships E. Bulkley, for Port Angeles; Brewster, for Boston.

Acapulco advices to the 12th, say the French occupy but a narrow line from San Blas to Vera Cruz and Tampico. It is surmised the French Admiral does not venture to occupy any other Pacific port because he would be unable to keep up communication with the interior.

The steamer Golden City has been libeled for landing goods without permit.

Some few arrivals of general merchandise; markets flat; grain easier.

## BY PACIFIC TELEGRAPH.

[SPECIAL TO THE DAILY UNION VEDETTE.]

NEW YORK, May 23d.

A Washington telegram says: The rebel army has been retreating since the attack on our right on the 18th. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, our forces occupied Guinness's station and Bowling Green.

NEW YORK, May 24th.

Dispatches to the Philadelphia Enquirer state that early Saturday morning our army silently advanced, capturing the rebel pickets and pushed on and cut off a portion of the left of the rear column of the main rebel army at Nye river, capturing 400 prisoners.

CHICAGO, May 24th.

The Republican State Convention of Massachusetts, met at Boston on the 19th and appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention. Resolutions were passed recommending the nomination of Lincoln.

NEW YORK, May 24th.

The Senate passed the Pacific Railroad bill yesterday, by 23 to 5, it now goes to the House.

NEW YORK, May 24th.

Special to the Times, Guinness' Station 24th, says the army of the Potomac is again on the march towards Richmond. During the night Hancock's corps, which held the left of our lines in front of Spottsylvania, took up the march, moving on a road parallel with the Nye river:—early this morning they reached Guinness' station on the Fredericksburg and Richmond Railroad; thence pushed onward following the railroad, and to-night finds the head of Hancock's column at Bowling Green, eighteen miles south of Fredericksburg; other corps have been to-day following the same general line and are now passing this point. It will be observed from this, that the commanding General has effected the turning movement on the right to flank Lee, who is now hastily falling back to take up a new defensive position. We expect his next stand will be on the South Anna, although he may endeavor to hit us while moving by flank as he did when out-flanked in his lines on the Rapidan. Heavy firing is now heard across the Nye where one of our columns is moving. One mile south by west of Guinness' is the point of confluence of the Nye and Po rivers, and at this point the stream is crossed by a bridge which is in our possession. Our army is now all gone from the front and held before Spottsylvania for the past two weeks. Our present front while it puts us in a very advantageous position with regard to the enemy, at the same time covers our communications via Fredericksburg. The Aquia Creek Railroad between those two points will soon be completed, and will doubtless be placed in running order south of Fredericksburg as we advance.

NEW YORK, May 24th.

The Herald's correspondent with Butler, 22d, gives an account of a midnight assault by the rebels the night previous. The pickets received their fire and gradually fell back, when the artillery opened upon the advancing

rebels with a shower of charges of grape and canister. The siege guns and light batteries were brought to bear and the rebels were mowed down like grass, but still they advanced and were given another slaughtering discharge, when they halted. A rebel caisson exploded scattering death in all directions. The gunboats on the Appomattox joined in shelling the woods where rebel reserves were stationed, until finally the rebels finding our forces so well prepared, withdrew leaving 263 dead on the field. Our defences, constructed by some of our best engineers, are considered almost impregnable.

NEW YORK, May 24th.

It is reported that the gunboats of the Potomac flotilla, have removed all the obstructions in the Rappahannock. Nothing additional from Grant's army.

The Times' special says: In a case just tried before the District Supreme Court, Judge Wylie decides that gold speculations are contrary to public policy, and that the plaintiff can neither recover profits made in former operations (in hands of defendants) on money deposited with them as margin or collateral, under contracts for the purchase of gold.

A special to the Post says: The attempt which will be made in the Senate to strike out the \$300 exemption in the Enrollment Act, will probably fail in the House.

There is some prospect that the proposition of Senator Wilson to draft men for a single year, will be adopted.

The trial of Andrews, a leader in the July riots, commenced this morning.

The Washington Republican of last evening, says: Our army at Sunday noon, was 15 miles beyond Spottsylvania Court House, and everything progressing satisfactorily.

The Richmond Enquirer admits of heavy losses in the battles with Butler last week, and foots them up at 1,500.

But little has been received in regard to Grant's last movement, Secretary Stanton having requested the papers not to publish anything on the subject at present.

WASHINGTON, May 24th.

The House Committee on Elections, reported in favor of giving a seat for Dacotah to Todd.

The National Banking Bill as it came from the Senate, was taken up and an amendment was adopted limiting the amount of notes for circulation to three hundred million. The Senate amendment taxing the circulation of deposits and capital stock beyond the amount invested in United States bonds, was not concurred in.

FORT MONROE, May 24th.

The steamer Powell (Gen. Butler's dispatch boat) arrived and reports everything quiet now. No hostilities since Saturday night. From all accounts it appears the rebels suffered severe punishment in their attempt at a night surprise. They buried their dead under a flag of truce. Thirty-four hundred wounded have been brought down the James river since the army first landed.



HEAD-QUARTERS,  
Army of the Potomac,  
May 22d.

The advance of the army under Hancock arrived at Milford yesterday and met a force of the enemy, said to be 13,000 strong; drove them through town pursuing them some distance. Our loss is unknown. An attack was made on our head-quarters train near Guinness Station yesterday afternoon. The rebels were repulsed and some prisoners taken.

HEAD-QUARTERS, Army of the Potomac, May 22d, 10 p. m.

Hancock is seven miles south of Bowling Green and occupies the bridge over the Mattaponi. Our cavalry had a good deal of fighting, but drove the enemy all the time. Our position is now deemed important and Richmond in greater danger than ever.

WAR DEPARTMENT, midnight,  
Washington, May 24.

A dispatch from Grant dated 11 o'clock, Monday night, states that the army moved from its position to the North Anna, following Lee's army closely. The 5th and 6th corps marched by way of Harris' store to Jenicks' ford, and the 5th corps effected a crossing and getting a position without much opposition. Shortly, however, they were violently attacked, and handsomely repulsed the assault without much loss to us; we captured some prisoners. Everything looks exceedingly favorable.

Another dispatch (giving the details of the movements of our corps and speaking of the rebel assault on Warren's position,) says he (Warren) was attacked with great vehemence—I have never heard more rapid firing either of an artillery or musketry attack; it resulted in a destructive repulse to the enemy. The rebels were entrenched and in considerable force between the creek he had crossed and the river; they made a pertinacious resistance to his onset, but before dark he had forced them from their works and driven them across the stream. It is also said that in these engagements the slaughter of the enemy was great, while our losses are inconsiderable. The rebels charged against our artillery and suffered greatly, especially from canister.

A dispatch from Grant, received at 3 o'clock this morning, states that the enemy had fallen back from the North Anna, and we are in pursuit. Negroes who come in say Lee is falling back on Richmond.

Other official dispatches from headquarters, say Warren, Burnside and Hancock are pushing forward after the retreating army. Warren has captured a good number of prisoners, but has not had time to count them, or ascertain his own loss. Hancock, in storming the rifle pits this side of the river, last evening, took between one and two hundred prisoners and drove many rebels into the river, where many were drowned. Warren also captured some official papers, among which was an official order calling out boys of fifteen years of age to garrison Richmond. Ambulance men and musicians are also ordered to the ranks.

Sheridan is this morning at Dunkirk, and will be at Milford to-night. No dispatches received to-day from Sherman, and none are expected for several days.

Dispatch from Butler was received to-day, relating briefly the respective forces. Admiral Lee, in a telegram, dated the 22d, to the Secretary of the Navy, states that last night and Saturday night the enemy attacked our army and were handsomely repulsed.

A dispatch from Canby, dated the 18th, from the mouth of Red River, states that Banks says the troops reached Morgan to-day. The army is in better condition than expected, and will be ready soon to resume offensive operations. Signed: STANTON.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
CAPITAL, \$750,000.  
San Francisco, California.  
Insures Against Loss or Damage by Fire.  
WALKER BROS. Agents.  
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**NOTICE.**  
A meeting of the miners of the West Mountain Mining District, Utah Territory, will be held at the Government Reserve, Rush Valley, on Saturday, June 11th, 1884, for the purpose of dividing the District. By request of a majority of the miners. JAMES S. WARREN, Deputy Recorder.  
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**MECHANICS WANTED!**  
A Camp Douglas, immediately, a few good House Carpenters, a Painter and Glazier, and a Mason and Plasterer. Enquire of the Post Quartermaster, at Camp Douglas.  
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**LOST.**  
A CAMEO BROASTPIN, on Saturday evening, in going from the 15th to the 16th Ward. The finder will please leave it with Mrs. PALMER, 14th Ward, on Main street.  
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**W. L. APPLEBY,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
AND  
Clerk of the U. S. Supreme Court for Utah.  
DEEDS COLLECTED, DEEDS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY etc., carefully drawn up for the States and Europe. Depositions, Acknowledgements etc., taken according to Law for any of the States or Territories. Declarations for Citizenship attended to at the shortest notice, and on liberal terms.  
OFFICE at my residence on Market Street, one and a half blocks west of the market house, Great Salt Lake City.  
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**NOTICE.**  
OFFICE of JORDAN SILVER MINING COMPANY,  
Great Salt Lake City, U. T.  
May 17th, 1884.  
At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the above Company, an assessment of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per share was levied, payable on or before the first day of June next.  
G. W. CARLETON, Secretary.  
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**NOTICE.**  
TO STOCKHOLDERS IN THE JORDAN SILVER MINING COMPANY:  
All stock delinquent for assessments on the first day of June next, will be advertised for sale to the highest bidder, according to law.  
G. W. CARLETON, Secretary.  
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**GOODRICH HOUSE,**  
Bannack City, Idaho Territory.  
This House is now open for the accommodation of the traveling public and the tables will always be furnished with the best the market affords. Good Corral and Stable near the premises.  
Patronage Solicited.  
W. C. GOODRICH, GEO. THORNBURG.  
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**JOHN AVONDET,**  
Near Public Square, 8th Ward, Salt Lake City.  
Coats, Pantaloons, Vests and all manner of articles for ladies such as Dresses, Neckchiefs, Ribbons, Gloves, etc. cleaned and renovated on the shortest notice and in the most approved style.  
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**GEO. HIGGINS,**  
AUCTION & COMMISSION MERCHANT  
Virginia City, Idaho Territory.  
Consignments Solicited. . . . Terms, moderate.  
REFERENCES:  
Clark & Co., Bankers, and Bodenburg & Kahn, Salt Lake City; W. Hunsy & Co., Denver City, Colorado Territory; And Roe & Co., Virginia City, Idaho Territory.  
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**VIRGINIA HOTEL.**  
VIRGINIA CITY, I. T.  
The proprietor is now prepared to accommodate all who may favor him with their patronage, and assures them they will find at his Hotel every comfort in the way of Lodgings—while the Tables will be furnished with the best the market affords.  
Fine Corral Accommodations.  
On the premises, also, an Insurance Ranch where all kinds of stock may be turned out with perfect security.  
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GEORGE W. CLEVELAND, ROBERT HERFORD,  
CLEVELAND & HERFORD,  
Auction and Commission Merchants,  
Capacious Storage, etc., etc.  
ap23-1f Nevada City, Idaho Territory

**BLACKFOOT BUTTE FERRY.**  
This Ferry is now in complete running order, and is the Best and Cheapest Ferry on Snake River and is running at Lower Rates than any other ferry in the Western Country.  
EMIGRANTS and FREIGHTERS  
To East, South, Virginia, Boise, Mines and Oregon will find it to their interest to travel by the way of this ferry for the simple reason that it is the Best and Nearest route to any of the above places.  
H. E. GIBSON, Proprietor Lower Ferry.  
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**UNITED STATES MAIL LINE**  
TO—  
**EAST BANNAK CITY,**  
IDAHO TERRITORY.  
THE great through U. S. mail to East Bannack will leave Salt Lake City twice a week, (every Monday and Thursday morning,) at 5 o'clock, A. M., in splendid four horse Troy coaches, via Box Elder, Cache Valley settlements and Soda Springs.  
Schedule Time—5 days and 5 hours.  
Over a portion of the route passengers will be conveyed in Troy coaches, and the balance of the way in light spring wagons. Connections made at Bannack with express to Virginia, Nevada, and Gallatin cities, and the mining districts east of the mountains.  
Every attention paid to passengers for Bannack or intermediate points.  
Application for passage or information may be made to Mr. Samuel D. Birrine, Salt Lake House, or to the undersigned, South Temple street, first block west of Tabernacle.  
E. M. Morgan, Bannack City, Idaho Territory, Agent.  
ap27-1f L. I. SMITH, Proprietor.

**NEW HOLLADAY,**  
New York.  
W. L. HALSEY, G. S. L. City.  
**HOLLADAY & HALSEY, BANKERS.**  
At the office of the Overland Stage Line, Great Salt Lake City, will pay the highest rates for  
**GOLD DUST AND COIN.**  
Dust bought for Coin or Currency.  
Cash paid for Government Vouchers.  
Drafts payable in Coin or Currency sold on  
New York.  
San Francisco, Cal.  
Virginia City, Idaho.  
Denver City, Colorado.  
Atchinson, Kansas.  
Portland, Oregon and  
Victoria, British Columbia.  
Postage Currency and Revenue Stamps for sale.  
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**AUSTIN M. CLARK, JNO. W. KERR, MILTON E. CLARK.**  
**Clark & Co., BANKERS,**  
Great Salt Lake City,  
DEALERS IN  
COIN, GOLD DUST and EXCHANGE.  
MONEY RECEIVED ON DEPOSIT.  
Correspond with Metropolitan Bank, New York; Clark & Co., Leavenworth; Clark & Co., Denver.  
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**POWERS, NEWMAN & CO. BANKERS AND DEALERS IN EXCHANGE.**  
The highest price paid for  
**COIN AND GOLD DUST.**  
Office in Godde's Building a few doors below the Salt Lake House, East Temple Street.  
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**ASSAY OFFICE:**  
H. W. KEARSING,  
formerly of New York City,  
ASSAYER AND REFINER.  
Having opened an office at Camp Douglas, is now prepared to make Assays of Ores of every description, on the shortest notice, and on reasonable terms; having had an experience of many years both in New York and California, he feels confident of giving satisfaction.  
Office, first building East of the Cavalry quarters, Camp Douglas.  
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**PAXTON & THORNBURG,**  
Virginia.  
E. WHEATON, Austin.  
**PAXTON, THORNBURG & CO., BANKERS,**  
AUSTIN, N. T.  
Draw on  
Virginia, Sacramento, Marysville and San Francisco.  
Buy Drafts, Certificates of Deposit, County Warrants and other securities.  
Purchase Bullion, and advance on the same for Coinage at the Mint.  
Receive Deposits, make Collections, and transact a general Banking business.  
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**H. W. THEALL,**  
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**PAXTON, THORNBURG & CO.,**  
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**ASSAY OFFICE**  
OF  
**THEALL & CO.,**  
AUSTIN, Nevada Territory.  
Gold and Silver Bullion and Ores of every description, Melted and Assayed. Returns made in Bars or Coin. We guarantee the correctness of our Assays.  
All business entrusted to our care will be promptly and accurately attended to.  
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**Redington & Co.'s**  
**ESSENCE OF JAMAICA GINGER.**

This valuable preparation containing in a highly concentrated form all the properties of the Jamaica Ginger, has become one of the most popular domestic remedies, for all diseases of the stomach and digestive organs.  
As a tonic it will be found invaluable to all persons recovering from debility, whether produced by fever or otherwise, for whilst it imparts to the system all the glow and vigor that can be produced by wine or brandy, it is entirely free from the reactionary effects that follow the use of spirits of any kind.  
It is also an excellent remedy for females who suffer from difficult menstruation, giving almost immediate relief to the spasms that so frequently accompany that period.  
It gives immediate relief to nausea, caused by riding in a railroad car, or by sea sickness or other causes.  
It is also valuable as an external application for the gout, rheumatism, neuralgia, etc.  
Ask for Redington & Co.'s Essence of Jamaica Ginger, as none other is pure and reliable.  
Redington & Co., Proprietors,  
418 and 419 Front street, San Francisco.

**Stop that Coughing!**  
Some of you can't, and we pity you. You have tried every remedy but the one destined, by its intrinsic merit, to supersede all similar preparations. It is not surprising you should be reluctant to try something else after the many experiments you have made of trashy compounds foisted on the public as a certain cure; but

**NEWELL'S PULMONARY SYRUP**  
Is really the very best remedy ever compounded for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Consumption. Thousands of people in California and Oregon have been already benefited by the surprising curative powers of

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And with one accord give it their unqualified approbation. We now address ourselves to all who are unacquainted with this, the greatest Panacea of the age, for the healing of all diseases of the Throat and Lungs, assuring you that

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Certificates from many prominent citizens of San Francisco accompanying every bottle of

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**DR. TOWNSLEY'S INDIAN VEGETABLE TOOTH ACHE ANODYNE**  
Is purely a vegetable preparation, which is  
**Warranted to Cure the Toothache in One Minute.**  
Caused by decay in the tooth. It will cure scurvy on the gums. It will harden the gums and cause them to adhere to the teeth. It will cure gum boils, heal and remove all sores of the gums. It will sweeten the breath. It will be found valuable for children cutting teeth, or having swollen gums. It is an Indian preparation, and the recipe for making it was purchased by the proprietor from the Pawnee tribe of Indians, in the Platte country.

**IT IS PERFECTLY HARMLESS!**  
Providence has provided in Nature plants and roots that are remedies for all the ills of suffering humanity. This preparation contains no poisonous acids or mineral substances whatever. It has been extensively used, with universal satisfaction in all cases.  
Who would suffer with this most distressing affliction when one 25 cent bottle will cure instantaneously?  
Sold by all the principal druggists, and by  
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**Dr. Mott's**  
**VEGETABLE LIVER PILLS**  
WILL CURE  
**Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Fevers, and all Bilious Diseases.**  
These pills are made from vegetables, chemically extracted. After being used once, the person having used them will use no others.  
For sale by all Dealers in Family Medicines.  
A. L. SCOVILL & Co., Proprietors,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
For sale everywhere, Try them! Try them!  
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ap23-3m Sole Agents.



**DIPSOMANIA, OR THIRST MADNESS.**—The periodical desire for strong drink which sometimes besets individuals, otherwise moral and exemplary, is a species of paroxysmal mania beyond the control of the patient. It is quite certain that there are thousands of cases of remittent drunkenness which present the specific symptoms of disease. The periodical drunkard is not an habitual dram-drinker; but at particular times he appears to be attacked with a thirst madness which deprives him of the power of volition, and hurries him into the most terrible excess. During the interval between the paroxysms he may be a perfectly sober man. For many weeks, or even months, he may have steadily refused to taste a drop of liquor; may indeed, have felt no inclination for it, but, on the contrary, regarded it with disgust, and yet when the fit comes on the raging thirst for alcohol utterly paralyzes his conscience, he is a monomaniac, and should be treated as one. If put under proper restraint at the commencement of this furor, the dipsomaniac, in nine cases out of ten, might be tied over his difficulty in the course of a week or ten days, and perseverance in this course, at each recurrence of the hallucination, would probably eventuate in a cure. It is not easy to persuade the world that all drunkenness is not voluntary. The law does not recognize dipsomania. It treats all inebriates alike. This seems to be unjust; though it is hard to say where the line should be drawn between free will excess, and that which proceeds from an uncontrollable mania.

At what time since Mr. Conness' election, and in what respect, has Mr. Sears given a heartier support to Mr. Conness than has Mr. Sargent.—*Solano Herald.*

At the State Convention, for instance, where Mr. Sargent and his friends had their programme prepared to censure Mr. Conness by resolution, and mortify him by electing President of the Convention and delegate to the National Convention his bitter and unscrupulous personal enemy, (not Mr. Parks,) but were prevented from carrying it out by Mr. Sears and his friends.—*Nevada Gazette.*

"My dear Ellen," said Mr. Eastman to a young lady whose smiles he was seeking. "I have long wished for this sweet opportunity, but I hardly dare trust to myself now to speak the deep emotion of my palpitating heart; but I declare to you, my dear Ellen, that I love you most tenderly; your smiles would shed—would shed—" "Never mind the woodshed," said Ellen, "go on with that pretty talk."

A man had a sign up, "cheap ladies' shoes for sale here." He found that not a woman entered his store. No wonder; the ladies don't like to be called cheap—they want to be called dear.

'Tis well enough for an attractive wife to have a repulsive husband. The rose isn't complete without its thorn.

The present Mayor of Manchester, England, was formerly a vendor of newspapers. Encouraging to newsboys.

On most occasions, the importance of calmness is in exact proportion to its difficulty.

A man of maxims only, is like a Cyclops with one eye, and that one in the back of his head.

**MILITARY FORCE.**—The total number of enlisted men at Fort Churchill at present is something over 500.

**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.**—The second quarterly Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was held in this city, Saturday and yesterday, E. H. Webb presiding. There were thirteen elders and three priests present. There were represented at this Conference eight branches, viz: Sacramento, San Francisco, Folsom, Stockton, Brighton, Petaluma, Watsonville and El Dorado, consisting of one hundred and four members, including twenty-one elders, ten priests, two teachers and one deacon. Elder Joseph Smith was sustained by this Conference as prophet, seer, revelator and translator of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in all the world. His counsel, the Quorum of the Twelve, together with all the quorums of the Church, were sustained by this Conference. Elder E. C. Briggs was sustained as President of all the Saints on the Pacific slope; also, Elder E. H. Webb as President of the Conference; G. P. Dykes in his capacity of travelling elder in this Conference; Elders E. C. Brand and H. Morgan as travelling elders, the former to Petaluma, the latter to San Bernardino. The following were sustained as presiding elders over their respective branches, viz: C. Bagnall, of Sacramento; T. J. Andrews, San Francisco; Jeremiah Thomas, Folsom; Owen Davis, Brighton; G. W. Oman, Petaluma; G. Adams, Watsonville; Jos. Outhouse, El Dorado; and Wm. Cunningham, Stockton. Elder W. H. Wilson was sustained as Church Recorder; Elder T. J. Andrews as book agent for this Conference. After listening to addresses from Elder Dyke and Elder Webb the Conference adjourned to meet in Sacramento, October 6, 1864.—*Sacramento Union*, May 16th.

**DEPARTURE OF IRATABA.**—The Mohave Chief, Irataba, sailed on the Senator yesterday, loaded with presents and covered all over with glory. He has furnished more items to the local press than any other topic except the inexhaustible Aquila, and will doubtless compel his tribe to respect the scalps of newspaper men, if of no others, though his professions are friendly to all Americans.—*S. F. Bulletin*, 13th.

A Belgium paper says that petroleum oil lamps are affected by music—a certain note on a brass instrument put them out. M. Duhem extinguished eight lamps in succession by the sound of a trumpet. He was one of the late M. Julien's band, and is professor at the Brussels Conservatoire of Music.

The new reading of "keep a stiff upper lip" is, "maintain an invincible rigidity in the spot where the mustache ought to grow."

A man that breaks his word, bids others to be false to him.

**JAMES LINFORTH,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
308 BATTERY STREET,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Sight Drafts on Salt Lake City, Utah Territory.  
" " Austin, Nevada Territory.  
Particular attention given to purchases for Utah. ap24

**Co-Partnership Notice.**  
WE have this day associated with us in business Messrs. Conrad Prag and Abraham Ganz, of San Francisco, and the firm will hereafter be styled RANSOHOFF & Co., instead of Ransohoff Bro., as heretofore. RANSOHOFF BRO. my61  
S. L. City, April 4th, 1864.

**Notice.**  
Having been appointed by His Excellency, the Governor of California, a Commissioner of Deeds for the State of California, I am prepared to enter upon the duties thereof, at my office, in Main street, Great Salt Lake City, opposite Wm. Jennings' store. Deeds, Transfers, Powers of Attorney, and all other legal papers made out on the shortest notice, and on reasonable terms. Acknowledgements taken for any part of the United States. apr9-12 PATRICK LYNCH.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**  
CITIZENS OF UTAH,  
**Bring in Your Produce!!**  
**A. GILBERT,**  
(Next door to the Salt Lake House,) calls special attention to his large and well selected  
**STOCK OF DRY GOODS**  
Consisting of  
**COTTON, WOOLEN, AND MIXED FABRICS,**  
**CALICOES, SILKS, DRILLINGS, FLANNELS**  
and other  
**STAPLES,**  
Selected Expressly for this Market.  
Also offers on reasonable terms,  
**GROCERIES, COFFEE, CANDLES, SUGARS,**  
**SOAP, etc., etc., etc.,**  
**HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CROCKERY,**  
etc., etc., etc.,  
On Terms to Suit.  
**EXAMINE OUR GOODS AND TRY OUR PRICES**  
Highest Cash Prices paid for Grain.  
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**New Goods! New Goods!!**  
FINE ASSORTMENT OF  
**SPRING GOODS,**  
CONSISTING IN  
**French Lawns, Chambrays, Calicoes,**  
etc.,...etc.,...etc.,

**In Fact Everything in the Ladies' Line.**  
Also a Fine Stock of  
**Boots, Shoes, Clothing and Furnishing Goods.**

**The Highest Price Paid for Gold Dust and Coin.**  
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**TELEGRAPH COAL BED.**  
PARTIES can be supplied with Coal at this mine at the above rate.  
Orders left at the Telegraph Office or at the mine will be promptly attended to.  
GEO. W. CARLSON,  
Great Salt Lake City, April 24, 1864.

**C. OLIVER,**  
**MERCHANT TAILOR,**  
Main St. opposite Town Clock, G. S. L. City.  
CLOTHING of all kinds made and repaired in the highest style of art.  
Particular attention paid to the manufacture of Officers' Military Uniforms.

**FOR SALE.**  
Gunny Bags, Grain Sacks and Packing Boxes of all sizes, at the U. S. Submarine Warehouse, Salt Lake City.

**ARMY PROPOSALS.**  
Commissionary Department, U. S. A.  
**PROPOSALS FOR SUBSISTENCE SUPPLIES.**  
G. S. L. City, Mar. 1st, 1864.  
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the U. S. Commissionary of Subsistence for the District of Utah in this City until the 10th day of June 1864, for furnishing the following named Subsistence Stores—  
**1st, FRESH BEEF.**  
The advertisement for Fresh Beef is withdrawn, and no bids will be received therefor.  
**2nd, FLOUR.**  
Five hundred and fifty thousand (550,000) pounds, more or less, of A No. 1 flour, in good and substantial sacks, containing 100 lbs each, and subject to inspection; to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be required, the delivery to commence on the 1st day of July, 1864, and the whole to be delivered on or before the 1st day of January, 1865.  
Provided, that not less than fifty thousand (50,000) pounds shall be delivered during each of the months from July to December, 1864, inclusive.  
**3rd, POTATOES.**  
Two thousand (2,000) bushels of potatoes, the delivery to commence on the 1st day of July, 1864, and the whole to be delivered on or before the 30th day of November, 1864. The delivery to be made at the Commissionary Warehouse, in Great Salt Lake City, or at Camp Douglas, as the Commissionary may direct.  
**4th, SALT.**  
Two hundred and fifty (250) bushels of A No. 1 fine boiled salt, in sacks, delivered on or before the 1st day of November, 1864, at the Commissionary Warehouse, provided that at least twenty-five (25) bushels be delivered during each of the months of July, August and September, 1864.  
Salt and Potatoes will be estimated and bid for at the rate of sixty (60) pounds to the bushel.  
Payment will be made in such funds as the Government may have on hand for distribution.  
Good and sufficient bonds will be required for the fulfillment of the contract or contracts, and the names of sureties must accompany each bid.  
Contractors and sureties will be required to take the oath of allegiance.  
In all cases except that of Fresh Beef, bids will be entertained for furnishing the whole or a part of the above named articles; provided such part shall not be less than fifty thousand (50,000) pounds Flour, two hundred and fifty (250) bushels Potatoes, fifty (50) bushels of Salt, and each bid must state specifically the articles and amount proposed to be delivered and the price.  
The Government reserves to itself the right to reject any or all bids.  
Bids will be rendered in duplicate.  
Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of the proposals at the office of the undersigned, at 12 M., on Friday, the 10th day of June, 1864.  
Bids will be addressed (through Post-Office or otherwise) to Capt. Chas. H. Hempstead, G. S. Great Salt Lake City, U. T., and endorsed "Proposals for 'Beef,' 'Flour,' 'Potatoes' or 'Salt,' as the case may be."  
CHAS. H. HEMPSTEAD,  
Capt. and Commissionary of Subsistence, District of Utah.

**Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A.**  
**Proposals for Fuel and Forage.**  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,  
Great Salt Lake City, U. T.,  
March 2d, 1864.  
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Office (next door to the Post-Office) until 12 M., the 10th day of June, 1864, for furnishing the following supplies of Quartermaster's stores, to be delivered at Camp Douglas, U. T., in such quantities as required; provided that two thirds of the whole amount of each article required, shall be delivered prior to the 1st day of December, 1864, and all to be delivered prior to June 30th, 1865.  
**Wood**—Four Thousand (4,000) Cords.  
**Hay**—Two Thousand (2,000) Tons.  
**Oats**—One Hundred Thousand (100,000) Bushels.  
All the articles must be of the best quality, and bidders will so specify in their bids; also good and sufficient bonds will be required for the faithful performance of the contracts, and names of sureties must accompany each bid.  
Bids will be received for furnishing the whole amount of each article required in one bid. And bids also will be received for not less than 10,000 bushels of Oats, or 500 tons of Hay, or 1,000 cords of Wood, in any one bid.  
Payment will be made in such funds as the Government may furnish.  
Contractors and sureties will be required to take the oath of allegiance.  
The Government reserves to itself the right to reject any or all bids.  
Bidders are requested to be present at the opening of proposals, at my office, at 12 M., the 10th day of June, 1864.  
Bids will be addressed (through the Post-Office or otherwise) to Capt. D. B. Stover, Asst. Quartermaster, Great Salt Lake City, U. T., and endorsed, "Proposals for 'Wood,' 'Hay' or 'Oats,' as the case may be."  
D. B. STOVER,  
Capt. and Asst. Quartermaster, District of Utah.